

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Original) A hitch receiving assembly for connecting a trailer to a vehicle adapted for towing a trailer comprising:

a retaining member,

a elongate fixed member oriented transverse to the direction of travel of said trailer,

wherein said retaining member and said fixed member are concentric to one another and separated from one another by at least one resilient member, and retaining member further comprises means to receive a trailer hitch, and said elongate fixed member is attached to a trailer.

2. (Currently Amended) The hitch receiving assembly according to claim 1, wherein said elongate fixed member is inside said retaining ~~receiving~~ member.

3. (Original) The hitch receiving assembly recited in claim 1 wherein said receiving means comprises a tongue adapted to receive a ball hitch.

4. (Original) A hitch assembly comprising a ball hitch and the hitch receiving assembly recited in claim 1.

5. (Original) The hitch receiving assembly recited in claim 1 wherein said means to receive a trailer hitch further comprises a pin adapted for reception in a king-pin hitch.

6. (Original) The hitch receiving assembly as recited in claim 1 wherein between said retaining member and said floating member are a plurality of resilient members.

7. (Original) The hitch receiving assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein said retaining member and said fixed member have a substantially square cross section.

8. (Original) The hitch receiving assembly as recited in claim 1 wherein said fixed member can be flexed along its length.

9. (Original) The hitch receiving assembly as recited in claim 1 wherein said fixed member is a torsion member.